



The Iowa Afterschool Alliance (IAA) Newsletter is a monthly venue of information and updates on afterschool programs and policies.

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Check Out Our Expanded Quality Resource Directory Online

Visit our [website](#) for a number of resources on quality afterschool programming, including professional development, administration, and curriculum. The resource directory on the IAA website is intended to be used by before and after school programs to ensure children and youth are provided the best afterschool opportunities.

Feel free to give us your feedback. Send all suggestions to Michelle Rich at mrich@sppg.com.

IAA Provides Afterschool Tools

The Quality Workgroup has been making significant progress toward recommendations to the IAA Board on quality standards and indicators specific to afterschool in Iowa. The IAA staff is already planning exciting uses for the quality standards and indicators being narrowed by the workgroup. The IAA plans to publish two unique tools for Iowa's quality afterschool standards: a "policy-makers' guide" and a "program providers' guide." Both will be designed for its respective audience. The policy-makers' guide will focus on why quality in afterschool programs is so important and how this may translate to better educational and social outcomes for children and youth in Iowa. The program providers' guide will serve as a self-assessment tool to ensure that the program provided meets Iowa's standards of quality. The IAA expects to have these tools finalized by October 2008.

For more information on these tools, or the IAA's work on establishing standards for quality

afterschool programs, please contact Michelle Rich at 515-243-2000 or mrich@sppg.com.

Allamakee Community School District Along With Other Organizations Receive Grants

The Allamakee Community School District, the Eastern Allamakee Community School District, the Postville Community School District, and the Allamakee County Substance Abuse Prevention, along with many other partners received a 3-year grant for the amount of \$427,482 for the first year from the US Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools. The funds will be utilized for the Reduce Alcohol Abuse project aimed at the secondary school level.

The Allamakee East Elementary, Allamakee West Elementary and Waterville Elementary along with Allamakee County Substance Abuse Prevention and many partners received another grant from the Iowa 21st Century Community Learning Center intended to provide after school programming. The East Elementary received a grant for the amount \$ 141,450 and the West Elementary received a grant for the amount of \$105,750. The Waterville area received a grant for the amount of \$52,500.

Barb Winters, Project Director for the Community Connections Safe Schools/Healthy Students is the lead contact for these projects. She can be contacted via phone at 563-568-4013 or by email at bwinters@allamakee.k12.ia.us.

Chrysalis Foundation's 2008-2009 Afterschool Program Sites and Partners Available

Below is a list of the grant recipients of the Chrysalis Foundation's 2008-2009 afterschool programs. To learn more about the Foundation's grant opportunities, please contact Terry Hernandez at thernandez@chrysalisfdn.org.

12 MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SCHOOL SITE	PARTNERING ORGANIZATION
Brody Middle School	Youth Emergency Services and Shelter*
Carlisle Middle School*	Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa*
Goodrell Middle School	ISU Extension – Polk County
Hiatt Middle School	Young Women's Resource Center
Holy Family School	Employee and Family Resources
Hoyt Middle School	PACE and SUCCESS
McCombs Middle School	Blank Park Zoo*
Merrill Middle School	FutureNet
Moulton Extended Learning Center	Children and Family Urban Ministries
Perry Middle School*	ISU Extension – Dallas County*
Southeast Polk Junior High School	Central Place Family Resource Center
Woodside Middle School/Saydel	ISU Extension – Polk County
TOTAL	

(*new)



9 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SCHOOL SITE	PARTNERING ORGANIZATION
Bondurant-Farrar Elementary*	
Capital View Elementary	SUCCESS
Carver Elementary	SUCCESS
Hillis Elementary	SUCCESS
Jackson Elementary	SUCCESS
Monroe Elementary	SUCCESS
Moulton Extended Learning Center	Children and Family Urban Ministries
South Union Elementary	SUCCESS
Woodlawn Elementary	SUCCESS
TOTAL	

(*new)



Young Leaders of Character Induct New Members

The Institute for Character Development inducted twenty-eight new high school students as members of Young Leaders of Character. The new members join the thirty current YLC members to make up the 2008-2009 YLC team. Members of Young Leaders of Character represent the following Iowa schools:

- » Ankeny High School
- » Applington-Parkersburg High School
- » Bondurant-Farrar High School
- » Carlisle High School
- » Cedar Falls High School
- » Columbus High School (Waterloo)
- » Dallas Center-Grimes High School
- » Don Bosco High School (Gilbertville)
- » Indianola High School
- » Johnston High School
- » Lincoln High School (Des Moines)
- » Northern University High School (Cedar Falls)
- » Southeast Polk High School
- » Urbandale High School
- » Valley High School (W. Des Moines)
- » Waterloo East High School
- » Waterloo West High School
- » West Central Maynard High School

YLC members design, implement and evaluate a wide variety of workshops and presentations for:

- » Middle and High School Students: This peer-to-peer workshop can be customized to the needs of your school and your students. YLC members will work with up to forty of your students during a one-day workshop that focuses on the Six Pillars of Character and making good decisions. After the session, your students will not only be able to teach their peers about the Six Pillars, but will feel more confident in their own decision making skills. This is a great way to develop the leadership abilities of students and build more positive role models in your school.
- » K-12 Faculty and Staff: There is no better way to demonstrate the effectiveness of character education projects to your faculty and staff than to introduce them to students whose lives have been changed due to becoming involved with the Six Pillars of Character. YLC members can speak to your faculty and staff about their own experiences, and are willing to answer any questions you may have about the value that character education has had on their lives.
- » Community, Civic and Service Organizations: The Six Pillars of Characters are not just limited to the school! YLC members are available to speak at your organization meeting or conferences about the importance of character development, youth leadership and service learning.

If you would like to learn more about how Young Leaders of Character can help your school or organization, please contact Wendy Havemann at wendy.havemann@drake.edu or at 515-271-1909.

Iowa Hall of Pride Offers Free Admission to All K-12 Students

The Iowa Hall of Pride is offering free admission to all K-12 students. The Iowa Hall of Pride is an interactive museum that tells the stories of Iowa's communities and their heroes. The three A's of Iowa- Academics, Athletics, and the Arts –come to life in the Iowa Hall of Pride. The Iowa Hall of Pride is located in downtown Des Moines on the Park Street across from Wells Fargo Arena. Adults can buy a ticket for \$5. For more information, go to their website www.iowahallofpride.com.

Upcoming Professional Development, Events and Funding Opportunities

Save the Date: Iowa School Age Care Alliance Leadership Day and Annual Fall Conference

The Iowa School Age Care Alliance (ISACA) is pleased to announce that this year's Leadership Day and Annual Fall Conference will be held on September 26 & 27 at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls. This year's theme is "School Age Care: A Foundation for the Future." Please save this date on your calendar. ISACA anticipates it will be an amazing opportunity for school age care professionals!

[Click here](#) to access the Call for Proposal. Two presenters per proposal will receive free conference day registration. Presenters will be responsible for their own expenses (travel, copies, etc.). The deadline to submit proposal is July 1.

Check Out the Recently Launched Digital Library Afterschool Website

The project aims to bring more science and math enrichment into out-of-school time using resources from the Exploratorium's Digital Library. People visiting the site will learn about

the various afterschool activities through digital videos, concept maps, links to other STEP resources, science explanations, educator tips and other related activities.

<http://www.exploratorium.edu/afterschool/activities/>



Join Every Child Matters in Iowa's "Step Up for Kids Day" on September 16, 2008

The national office of Every Child Matters is working to organize an event in all 50 states to draw public attention to issues affecting America's children such as poverty, health care, juvenile incarceration, child abuse and after-school programs. The event will kick-off nationwide at the National Press Club in Washington DC on September 16th. Supporters and advocates, volunteers and kids will gather on the steps of state capitols to highlight the needs of children and families.

To find more information on this event or on Every Child Matters, Iowa, please visit <http://www.everychildmatters.org/iowa/index.html>.

Save the Date: East Polk Interagency Association Presents an Event Featuring Marc Prensky

The East Polk Interagency Association will be presenting an event on Friday, October 3 at the Southeast Polk High School Auditorium. The presentation titled, "Technology and its Changing Relationship to School and Work will feature Marc Prensky, an internationally acclaimed speaker, writer, educator and consultant in the critical areas of education and learning. He is the author of Digital Game-Based Learning, and Don't Bother Me Mom-I'm Learning. The event will feature two sessions as listed below:

- » Morning session: "Overcoming Our Digital Immigrant Accents-Understanding the Implications of Emerging Digital Native Behaviors for Education, Training, and Learning."
- » Afternoon session: "Education and Learning in the 21st Century-How, Why, and What we Need to do Differently."

To register for this event, call Central Place (967-7806). Social work CEUs available.

Connecting the Pieces: Iowa Community Education Association Fall Conference

The Iowa Community Education Association Fall Conference will take place on Friday, October 24, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Courtyard Marriott hotel in Ankeny. A pre-conference reception will take place on Thursday, October 23 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Beth Robertson, Executive Director of the National Community Education Association will serve as the keynote speaker. Some of the sessions include:

- » Exploring Changing Iowa Demographics and Legislative Prospects, Presenter: Erin Drinnin, Iowa Afterschool Alliance/Carmine Boal
- » Sustaining 21st Century Grants, Presenter: Mary Hillman, Perry PACES Program

The Conference is presented in collaboration with Character Counts! In Iowa, Iowa Afterschool Alliance, Iowa Asset Building Coalition, Iowa PTA, Iowa State University and YMCA of Greater Des Moines.

To register online, go to www.iowacommunityeducation.org. For more information, please contact Martha McCormick, ICEA Executive Director at 515-979-3311.

Help Provided to Recover from Flooding in Cedar Rapids

If your youth program was affected by the flood, please contact Allison Roehrich of HACAP at aroehrich@hacap.org and share with her a list of supplies that you need help to get replaced. Allison has contacts with distributors-like Kaplan, and School Discount who are willing to offer very deep discounts to help groups recover.

